

Grand Pass C.A.

2009 Waterfowl Hunting Outlook

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EARLY TEAL SEASON: (September 12-27, 2009)

Due to levee maintenance/repair and pump maintenance activities, opening weekend teal hunting opportunities will be extremely limited. Hunters should anticipate less than 25 acres of habitat for the opening weekend, most of which shall be confined to the distribution channels. However, as the season progresses additional acreage shall be flooded in Pools 5, 6 and 8. Hunters are urged to contact the Grand Pass CA hotline at 660-595-2437 or contact area staff at 660-595-2444 for the most current conditions. Updated teal hunting opportunities shall be mapped and posted in the foyer located on the north side of the headquarters building.

For Teal Season only: There will be no drawing, no refuge, (except on Teatseau Lake which is closed to all hunting), and no 1:00p.m. closure. Shooting times are sunrise to sunset. All hunters are required to check in prior to hunting at area headquarters and fill out a Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag.

YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASON: (October 24-25, 2009)

The procedures for youth waterfowl season shall be similar as in years past. We will conduct a morning drawing each day of the youth season, refuge Pools 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 will be closed to hunting and hunting shall close at 1:00p.m. Draw time will be 5:00 a.m.

REGULAR DUCK SEASON: (October 31- December 29, 2009)

Habitat conditions for 2009 look to be good to excellent again this year. With above average precipitation, moist soil units are in very good shape and most Ag units are expected to have average yields. However, some poorly drained agricultural fields will have slightly reduced crop yields, but will still offer very good food for waterfowl in the late season.

Waterfowl hunters will need to attend a morning drawing held at the headquarters building each day during the prescribed duck season. For 2008, Grand Pass will participate in the "Every Member Draws" system as implemented in 2006. Draw times generally are two (2) hours prior to shooting time. Draw Times will be available on the public web and on the Grand Pass CA hotline at 660-595-2437. If sufficient water is available for pumping we shall hunt the following pools 3, 4, 5, 5West, 6 and TIII as we have in the past. Hunters should expect a general increase in water levels as the season progresses and a subsequent increase in hunting opportunity. Generally speaking on a "normal" year we should begin the waterfowl season with 15-18 positions and end the season with 35-40 positions. Waterfowl hunting closes at 1:00 p.m. daily. All waterfowl hunting at Grand Pass is "wade and shoot" or walk-in. Boats are permitted, with ramps located at most pools. Pools 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 are refuge after October 15th with no hunting or admittance permitted. Hunters may contact the Grand Pass office 660-595-2444 or the area hotline 660-595-2437 for the latest information.